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SUBJECT: SLOVAK REPURCHASE OF TRANSPETROL FROM YUKOS

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(SBU) In early December, Minister of Economy Pavol Rusko publicly announced that the GOS would attempt to repurchase Transpetrol from the embattled Russian oil company Yukos. Rusko's Director General, Milan Cigan, on December 22 told charge that the Russians have shown no interest in discussing such a possibility during the breakup of Yukos. Nevertheless, the GOS remains ready and willing to proceed with the purchase if the Russians express a desire to negotiate.

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